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SUBJECT: FRENCH GOVERNMENT COMMENTS ON KIM DAE JUNG CASE
1. THE FRENCH EMBASSY HAS PASSED TO THE DEPARTMENT EXTRACTS OF A STATEMENT THE GOF MADE DURING THE NOVEMBER 5 SESSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE QUESTION OF INTERVENTION WITH THE ROKG ON THE KIM DAE JUNG CASE.
2. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION POSED BY ONE OF THE COMMUNIST DEPUTIES, FON MIN FRANCOIS PONCET NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT WAITED TO BE PRODDED BY THE OPPOSITION TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF MR. KIM. IT HAD ALREADY MADE OVERTURES ON THE CASE BEGINNING LAST JULY.
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3. SINCETHEN, ALONG WITH ITS 8 EUROPEAN COMMUNITY PARTNERS FRANCE HAS MADE THREE SUCCESSIVE DEMARCHES TO THE SAME END. AGAIN YESTERDAY (NOVEMBER 4), IN LUXEMBOURG, THE NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS WERE INFORMED ABOUT THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE CASE IN ORDER TO MAKE NEW DEMARCHES IF NECESSARY.
4. THE MINISTER ALSO NOTED THAT FRANCE DEALS WITH ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD NO MATTER WHAT THEIR POLITICAL SYSTEM AND ADDED THAT KOREA IS TODAY THE SECOND (RANKING) COMMERCIAL PARTNER OF FRANCE IN ASIA. IN CLOSING, THE MINISTER ASSURED THE DEPUTIES THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT BE OUTDONE IN ITS DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS NOR IN ITS DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT IN FRANCE. MUSKIE
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